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See MCI v. FCC, 515 F 2d 385 (D.C. Circ 1974).

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## **FCC ANNOUNCES PARTICIPANTS FOR MEMPHIS FIELD HEARING ON DIGITAL INCLUSION**

The Federal Communications Commission's Dec. 14<sup>th</sup> [field hearing](#) in Memphis will include remarks by Memphis Mayor A C Wharton, Jr., and civil rights leader Benjamin L. Hooks, who is a former FCC Commissioner and former executive director of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People. Commissioners Michael J. Copps and Mignon Clyburn will represent the Commission. The field hearing will focus on whether broadband services are being deployed in a way that allows all Americans to benefit.

**WHAT:** **FCC Field Hearing on Digital Inclusion**  
**WHEN:** **Monday December 14, 2009, 6:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.**  
**LOCATION:** **National Civil Rights Museum, Rose Room**  
**450 Mulberry Street**  
**Memphis, TN 38103**  
**ONLINE:** **<http://www.fcc.gov/live/>**

### **Panelists:**

- **Tim Marema, VP, Center for Rural Strategies**
- **Dianne Polly, VP of Compliance & Community Relations, Metropolitan Inter-Faith Association**
- **Michael Ramage, Executive Director, Connected Tennessee**
- **Madeleine C. Taylor, Program Coordinator, NAACP Memphis**

The FCC is convening a series of hearings to promote an open dialogue between the FCC and the public on development of a National Broadband Plan. The American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009 directed the FCC to submit a National Broadband Plan to Congress by February 17, 2010 that addresses broadband deployment, adoption, affordability, and the use of broadband to advance solutions to national priorities, including health care, education, energy, public safety, job creation, investment, and others.

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More information about the Federal Communications Commission's development of a National Broadband Plan can be found at [www.broadband.gov](http://www.broadband.gov)